



Atty. Dkt. No. 044463-0336

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicants: Vincent L. CHIANG et al.  
Title: PRODUCTION OF SYRINGYL LIGNIN IN GYMNOSPERMS  
Appl. No.: 10/681,878  
Filing Date: 10/09/2003  
Examiner: Stuart F. BAUM  
Art Unit: 1638  
Confirmation No. 8100

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated November 14, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants have enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows.